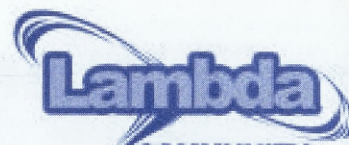


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Building Our Community . . . Laying the Foundation for Our Future

Why should you worry about anti-LGBT ballot measures?

What are we up against?

We're facing at least one ballot initiative, possibly two, in 2006, most likely on the November ballot.

Who's behind these measures?

One measure is supported by the widow of former state senator Pete Knight, the second by a coalition led by Randy Thomasson and Rev. Louis Sheldon (Traditional Values Coalition). Both groups have a history of support for discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people.

What would the initiatives do?

Although the wording of each initiative is different, both would place in the California constitution a ban on marriage equality for same-sex couples and a repeal of all of California's current domestic partnership rights and benefits.

Source: www.equalityforall.com/faqs

To find out what you can do, visit www.eqca.org.

California Ground Zero in Fight for Marriage Equality

A Message to the Sacramento Community from Equality California

By Steve Hansen
Equality California (EQCA)

If you haven't yet made any resolutions for 2006—or even if you already have—here is one resolution that LGBT people and our supporters can all make together:

In 2006, let's commit to confront the challenges that currently threaten our community and make 2006 another banner year for LGBT rights.

Extreme social conservatives have their sights trained on us. Right-wing extremists are engaged in an all-out effort to pass at least one, if not two, draconian anti-gay constitutional initiatives.

Although they failed to collect enough valid signatures to qualify any of these initiatives for the June ballot, they still have several more months to work to qualify one or more initiatives for the November ballot.

In addition to these two measures, our rights are likely to be an issue in the Governor's race, as well as many legislative races. The outcome of those races will likely determine whether we



EQCA Field Organizer Jean Adams, center left, with wife Toby, daughter Kalen, 5, and family pet "Sprite." The rights of LGBT families like Adams' are at risk if extremists put anti-LGBT amendments on the ballot.

will be accorded equality.

The good news is that the LGBT community has an extraordinary opportunity to confront these challenges, and prevail over those who oppose us. Wherever you live in this

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Center and community partners launch new Legal

Lambda Community Center launched this month a new weekly Legal Clinic in conjunction with U.C. Davis School of Law and University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law; and two non-profit organizations, Legal Services of Northern California and Protection and Advocacy Inc. The clinic will be staffed by law students, interns and supervising attorneys. The new clinic is an expansion

of the Center's current legal assistance program and will continue to provide legal information and referrals. Among the new services provided, the clinic will offer comprehensive legal services for people with disabilities and assistance with LGBT

Clinic Hours

1st & 3rd Mondays, 6 to 8 p.m.
2nd & 4th Mondays, 5 to 8 p.m.

housing issues, including discrimination, retaliation, evictions, three-day notices, habitability and Section 8 issues.

"This is an exciting opportunity for the Center to work with prestigious and effective local partners to provide a much-needed service to our community," said Executive Director Lester Neblett. "This is just one example of the growth and positive change under way at the Center."

Lambda Community Center

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and for their commitment and support in helping us
build our community!

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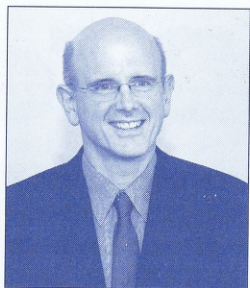
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www.outwordmagazine.com

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Lambda Community Center is seeking sponsors
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Please contact Lester Neblett at 916-442-0185
for more information about how you can support
this important community forum.



From the Director

Happy 2006! I'm delighted to begin the year by introducing myself as the new executive director of Lambda Community Center in the first edition of our new quarterly newsletter, *forefront*. We look forward to hearing how you like it and how we can improve.

2006 WILL be a year of growth and change for the Center! As many of you know, there is a deep-seated need for more and different services for Greater Sacramento's growing GLBT community and a desire for Lambda Community Center to step forward to meet those needs.

The Board of Directors and I are committed, with your continuing support, to doing just that! During last year's search for a new ED, the Board's focus was on finding an experienced non-profit professional. I am honored to have been selected and eager to put my education and experience to work in "Building Our Community."

I come to the ED position with a Masters degree, 12 years experience in mental health services and 15 years in management and program administration. My volunteer experience includes organizing several successful fundraisers, serving on non-profit boards, serving as president of the Yolo Foster Parent Association and helping to create the Walk for Mental Health. I am a founding member of the UC Davis LGBT Resource Center Advisory Board and was honored as Big Brother of the Year.

I have a history of accomplishing what I start. I accepted the position of Lambda Community Center ED because I believe in all that the organization stands for and in its solid potential.

Most importantly, I am a team player. No one person can do it alone. Lambda needs a new building—a safe, affirming gathering space for our community that can accommodate our continuing growth. There is a real demand in the community for a counseling program. And our youth—our future—need more programs and supportive services that will allow them to become healthy, productive members of our community. We, as a team and as a community, can achieve all these goals and more!

As we begin a new year, I am asking each of you to support me in this important and exciting undertaking. Become a Guardian Angel if you can (see our article on page 6); support our upcoming Capital Fund (Building) Campaign; learn more about our Sponsorship opportunities; attend the Lambda Awards on Saturday, March 20, at the Doubletree Inn; or join a SacPRIDE committee. I look forward to working with all of you to "Build Our Community."

Warmest regards,

Lester Neblett

Lester Neblett

Marriage Equality

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this vast state—in a large city, suburb or small town—there is a way to get involved, and the time is now!

With the entire state now Ground Zero in the fight for LGBT equality, EQCA has deployed five new field organizers, one in each of EQCA's existing San Francisco, Sacramento and Los Angeles offices, as well as in Palm Springs and San Diego, where new field offices will soon be opened.

In the Sacramento area, Jean Adams is our new Field Organizer. Jean works with 15 EQCA chapters in the northern part of the state.

LGBT activism is a cause anyone can join—just ask Jean. She and her

wife, Toby, live in Auburn, where they are raising a 5-year-old daughter named Kalen. Toby is leader of EQCA's Placer County chapter.

Jean got involved in LGBT activism because she could see how her family's security is threatened by our opponents. In particular, she cites the protections that she and her family hold under California's Domestic Partnership Rights and Responsibilities Act. "If we were to lose all that, it would affect us in a way that would be unacceptable," she said.

In order to move forward, we will need to do more than prevent the loss of rights that we already hold. Equality California is now putting the finishing touches on new bills that will

be introduced in the Legislature in 2006, and these bills will need your help to become law. We're working on a host of issues, including safer schools, domestic violence in the LGBT community, and strengthening domestic partnership laws.

So now is the time to make a resolution. Please roll up your sleeves and get involved in advocating for LGBT rights—even if it means putting off your new diet until 2007. Go to www.eqca.org and find the EQCA chapter nearest to you, and get your friends to do the same.

Steve Hansen is Legislative Director of Equality California, California's statewide LGBT rights and advocacy organization.

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14 SATURDAY

Written on the Hill
Lambda Players Theatre,
2427 17th St. (off Broadway)
Runs thru Feb. 4
Contact: 916-444-8229
www.lambdaplayers.com

**Sacramento Kings
of Drag Resolutions/
Revolutions**
Uptown Studios,
912 1/2 J St.
(look for the orange door)
Tickets: \$20
www.kingsofdrag.com
7 p.m.-10 p.m.
Contact: 916-446-1082

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20 FRIDAY

**TransGenderSF
Cotillion Weekend 2006
(Jan. 20-22)**
This year's title:
Hooray for Hollywood.
Come help choose our new
Miss and Mr. TGSF
[www.tgsf.org/events/
cotillion.html#cot](http://www.tgsf.org/events/cotillion.html#cot)

Gay Traffic School
Lambda Community Ctr
2nd Floor, Room A
9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Contact: 619-667-8635

1 WEDNESDAY

**Sacramento Valley Bears
Club 21, 1119 21st Street**
1st Wednes. 7-8:30p.m.
Contact: 916-393-4748
www.sacvalleybears.org

8 WEDNESDAY

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Lambda Community Ctr
Second Floor, Room C
2nd Wednes.,
5:30-6:30 p.m.
Contact: 915-327-9671

Respect Sacramento
Lambda Community Ctr
Second Floor, Room C
2nd Wednes.,
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Contact: 916-733-2135 or
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I Do / I Don't

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Jammin Jo Productions
Unitarian Universalist
Society, 2425 Sierra Blvd.
7 p.m.-12 a.m.
\$45 per person
Contact: 916) 601-3710
www.jamminjo.com

12 SUNDAY

**Capital Crossroads City
Rodeo Assoc. (CCCRA)**
Lambda Community Ctr
Main Floor
2nd Sunday, 1-3 p.m.
Contact: 916-553-4396 or
topbinder@yahoo.com
www.ccgra.com

13 MONDAY

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Club**
Lambda Players Theatre,
2424 17th Street
2nd Monday, 6:00-8p.m.
Contact: 916-441-1787
www.sacstonewall.org

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Males Au Nature
Lambda Community
Second Floor, Room
2nd Tuesday, 7:30-
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nakedgeno@yahoo.com
www.mans-ca.com

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Feb.16-20
www.bosf.org/ibr20

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Tuesdays, 5-6:30 p.m.
Thursdays, 5:30-7 p.m.
Saturdays, 7:30-9 a.m.
Saturdays, 9-10:30 a.m.
Lambda Community Ctr
Main Floor
Contact: 916-442-0185

Sexual Compulsives

Anonymous

Sundays, 5-6:30 p.m.
Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m.
Lambda Community Ctr
Second Floor, Room C

Over the Rainbow NA

Mondays, 8-9 p.m.
Saturdays, 7-8 p.m.
Lambda Community Ctr
Second Floor, Room A

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Spring 2006
Community
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Sacramento, CA
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DATE!

March 20 * Doubletree Inn

Lambda Community Center Programs and Services

YOUTH

Friday Youth Group (ages 13-24)
Every Friday, 7:45-9 p.m.
Main Floor Meeting Room

For Youth, By Youth (ages 13-24)
Every Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m.
Main Floor Meeting Room

Youth Leadership Council
Leadership Program for Youth (ages 13-24)
Call 916-442-0185 for information.

Youth Coming Out Group
Call 916-442-0185 for information.

FAMILY

Family Support Group
Straight parents and LGBTI children
Call 916-442-0185 for information.

WOMEN

Women's Coming Out Group
Sundays, 6-7:30 p.m.
Second Floor, Room A

W.O.W. (Womyn on Wednesdays)
Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.
(3rd week Potluck; 4th week Game Night)
Second Floor, Room A

MEN

Men's Coming Out Group
1st & 3rd Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.
Second Floor, Room A

Men's Discussion
Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Main Floor Meeting Room

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Clinic
1st & 3rd Mondays, 6-8 p.m.
2nd & 4th Mondays, 5-8 p.m.
Second Floor, Room C

COMMUNITY

Lambda Awards Planning Committee
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m.
Second Floor, Room A

SacPRIDE Leadership
2nd Thursday, 6-8 p.m.
Second Floor, Room A

Lambda Community Fund Board
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.
Second Floor, Room C

National Coming Out Day Committee
To be announced

20th Anniversary Committee
To be announced

Center seeks 50 'Guardian Angels'

Help support Lambda Community Center's continuing growth by becoming one of our 50 "Guardian Angels."

Many new and exciting things are happening at the Center, and 2006 promises to be a year of change and growth. Lambda Community Center is the only organization whose sole mission is to serve the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community of Sacramento and surrounding counties. The Center offers programs for at-risk GLBT youth, mental health services, legal clinic, conversation and coming-out groups for lesbian women and gay men, and meeting space for community programs and local social-service organizations.

But the need for services is great and growing. "Every day we receive e-mails or personal visits from GLBT people in our community seeking services or support," says Center Executive Director Lester Neblett. "Often we simply don't have the resources we need to help them."

The Center Board of Directors and Neblett are committed to developing new programs and services and expanding existing ones to meet the growing needs of the Greater Sacramento LGBT community.

In order to make this happen, the Center is seeking 50 individuals, between now and March 31, who will donate \$1,000 each—a \$50,000 total investment in the community's future.

The new initiative is off to a great start at 30 percent of its goal! The following individuals already have signed on to become Lambda Community Center Guardian Angels:

Dr. Garrett Madera, DDS

Lester Neblett
Lambda Community Center

Brian McMartin
McMartin Realty

Terry Sidie
FACES/Club 21/Headhunters/Lambda/CGNIE

Darnell & Julie Stephenson
Urban Fitness & Wellness Center

Bill Snyder
Lambda Community Fund

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Bob Herne & Chris Walker
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Jay Hyde & Pablo Licican
Mogavero Notestine Associates

Mike Duffy

Jammin Jo Productions

Jerry & Carol Chong

Alice W. Wong

For more information about becoming a **Guardian Angel**, please contact Lester Neblett at 916-442-0185, or stop by the Center to meet with Lester at 1927 L Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Center Board Elects New Officers



Board President Lauren L. Wagner

The Lambda Community Center Board of Directors has elected Lauren L. Wagner as board president. Wagner succeeds William Snyder, who served as board president for the past two years and who continues to serve as a board member at large.

Also newly elected to board offices are Lori Reyes as vice president and JG Gonsalves as secretary.

"Being a volunteer in this community has really shown me how involved and invested people in this area are, and I look forward to establishing new opportunities and embracing those already established," Wagner said.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

Jami Richmond



Jami Richmond is Volunteer of the 4th Quarter of 2005. Jami has been with the Lambda Community Center since May 2005 and was Volunteer of the Month in August.

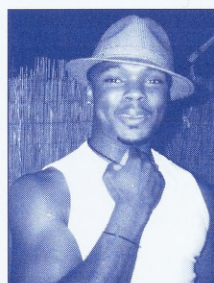
Jami is a full-time student who also works full-time with Child Protective Services in addition to her time with the Center. Jami is 28 years old and recently married her long-time love, Priscilla.

OCTOBER 2005 VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Aaron Kahana

October 2005 Volunteer of the Month was **Aaron Kahana**. Aaron has been volunteering with the Lambda Center since November 2004. Aaron volunteered at every single Lambda Event in 2005 and during the month of October went above and beyond to volunteer even more time to help cover vacant reception desk shifts.

Aaron is a graduate of Chico State University with a Bachelors degree in Computer Science. Aaron is 29 and single.



NOVEMBER 2005 VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Barbara Renfree

November 2005 Volunteer of the Month was **Barbara Renfree**, who recently celebrated her five-year anniversary as a Center volunteer.

Barbara began to get involved with the LGBTI community when her daughter came out. Barbara

was recognized for her contributions in March 2005, when she received the first President's Award at the Annual Lambda Awards.

Barbara is a retired teacher and serves as a mentor and guide to the volunteers and staff of the Lambda Center. She just celebrated 40 years of marriage to her devoted husband Lee and is a proud mother and grandmother.



DECEMBER 2005 VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Scott Brozek

December 2005 Volunteer of the Month is **Scott Brozek**. Scott has been with the Lambda Center for the past four years. He started out as the Men's Discussion Group Facilitator, but this past May added a new role: that of Wednesday Night Youth Group After Hours Facilitator, giving our many youth clients a secure and supervised place to be after their group meeting ends.

Scott's full-time job is with PRIDE Industries, where he dedicates his time to helping his coworkers achieve independence. Scott is single.



VOLUNTEERS

*Keep Lambda Community Center
Working for You!*

Anniversaries

Join us in congratulating the following volunteers for their hard work and commitment to our community:

1 Year

Start Date

Aaron Kahana, Jan. 26, 2005

Gregg Ogden, March 14, 2005

Timothy Parmley, March 25, 2005

2 Years

Gina Luedemann, Jan. 1, 2004

Rebecca Sanders, Jan. 5, 2004

Matt Welch, Jan. 15, 2004

Jay Hyde, March 16, 2004

Welcome to Our New Volunteers

Lance Chih, May 20, 2005

Bonnie Osborn, June 24, 2005

Bryan Moyet, July 7, 2005

Mona Riffe, July 27, 2005

Lorraine Rodrigues, Sept. 15, 2005

Kelly Nichols, Sept. 22, 2005

For information about how you can become a Lambda Community Center Volunteer, e-mail Jason@lambdasac.org, or call 916-442-0185.

Gonsalves Honored



Longtime Lambda Community Center volunteer JG Gonsalves was honored in December for his outstanding contribution as the Center's interim executive director in 2005. Gonsalves has been a Center volunteer for 10 years, serving as volunteer coordinator, outreach director, founder of a Men of Colors group and a Youth outreach group, and currently as facilitator of the Men's Coming Out group. He has been a Center board member for five years, serving two terms as vice president, and was recently elected secretary.

Join us
in celebrating the

2006 Lambda Awards

Monday, March 20
6:00 pm Cocktails and Silent Auction
8:00 pm Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Doubletree Inn
2001 Point West Way
Sacramento

Tickets: \$85

For more information, or to purchase tickets:

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